

Meeting Record



Liaison Committee – Meeting #1

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project

Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2011
Place: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 2045 Stella 40 Foot Road, Amherst Island
Time: 5:30 to 7:40 p.m.
Next Meeting: To be determined
Attendees: Janet Scott, Nancy Pearson, Tom Sylvester, and Zander Dunn (Members)
Sean Fairfield (Algonquin Power)
Amanda Kennedy and Kerrie Skillen (Stantec)
Absentees: n/a

Discussion Item	Action
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Confirm agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Review of Terms of Reference and the Liaison Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow up with members after emails are sent to ensure attachments are received.
Review Project Details <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed the project details including: the role of Algonquin Power and Stantec Consulting Ltd., an overview of the project and work completed to date, overview of the Renewable Energy Approval process, and current project schedule.• A few questions from members were clarified including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The turbine manufacturer and type have not yet been selected.○ All turbines will be the same size.○ A baseline noise study will be completed.○ The layout for the turbines (and all other project components) has not been finalized. Micro-siting is ongoing in consultation with the natural environment, water, noise and archaeological assessment technical leads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email members a copy of the setbacks which will be applied throughout the design of the project.
Review of Key Issues and Priorities for Future Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members relayed a series of key issues they have heard from community members about the Project, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A lack of information about the	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algonquin Power is developing a project website (with email address, mailing address and phone number) through which stakeholders can review general project information and communicate with the Project team. Provide information to members so they can

<p>project from the developer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A lack of reliable high speed wireless Internet connections on the island. ○ The ongoing “split” in the community about wind power; wind power is dividing the community. ○ Concerns the project will impact property values. ○ Concerns the project will impact groundwater. ○ Concerns about bird mortality during operations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the number and width of access roads. • Discussed the 550m set-back from non-participating noise receptors. • Discussed the 120m setback from certain natural features. • Discussed the upcoming election and potential impacts on the Renewable Energy Approval process. 	<p>share it with community members who have questions and/or concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project website will include the current project schedule, frequently asked questions, third party information and meeting records from the Liaison Committee meetings. • A call to Ian Murray (Amherst Island Beacon newspaper) will be coordinated to ask if he would allow information on the project (which would include a short meeting summary, project timeline and the project website address) to be printed in the newspaper. If the request is not granted then inquire if the project website address could be printed in the newspaper. • Members to forward Sean printed information about the project or wind power that they receive from other sources. • Algonquin Power will be assessing if wireless technology will be used for monitoring the turbines. If this technology will be used, perhaps the company will assess the concept of investigating high speed wireless Internet connection and ability for residents to connect to it. • A geotechnical study will be completed to confirm subsurface information to design an appropriate style of foundation for each turbine. • Stantec to follow-up with a phone interview with Janet Scott about avian species on the island. • Will provide an update about the election in relation to potential impacts to the Renewable Energy Approvals process at our next Liaison Committee meeting.
<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed the date of the next Liaison Committee meeting. It will be in advance of the first Open House, likely in the Fall of 2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next date to be confirmed with members as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.



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